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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



OBAMA'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Former US President Bill Clinton hugs President Barack Obama after a stirring, much-applauded speech endorsing the American president's reelection at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Wednesday. Delegates believe Clinton gave the defense of Obama they had been waiting for. At left, singer Jessica Sanchez delivers a rousing performance at the convention.

Deadlock over RH bill

Senate deletes provisions on abortion, contraceptives

By Norman Bordadora and Leila B. Salaverria

THE SENATE has removed controversial provisions that purportedly promote abortion and the use of birth control devices in a bid to break a deadlock in its version of the reproductive health (RH) bill.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada yesterday said the upper chamber was evenly split 10-10 on the measure a day after contentious issues were addressed, with three senators still undecided. He disagreed with Sen. Panfilo Lacson that 14 senators supported the bill in its current form.

"I will have to read it all over again, including the amendments," Estrada said. "A lot of senators are still going to amend the provisions of the bill."

Sen. Pia Cayetano on Wednesday night moved for the deletion of an entire subsection in the Senate RH bill that Senate Majority Leader Vicente Sotto III said could be used to effectively legalize abortion in the country.

Cayetano also moved to amend the provision including certain family planning supplies and drugs in the government's essential list of medicines.

Both committee amendments

DEADLOCK A11



REMAINS TO BE SEEN Parts of the Piper Seneca plane that crashed in the waters off Masbate killing three, including Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, are unloaded at Pier 13 in Manila by a Coast Guard ship on Thursday. Air crash investigators will sift through the wreckage to determine the cause of the accident.

PH hails China vow on free navigation

By TJ Burgonio and Gil C. Cabacungan

AS PRESIDENT Aquino prepared to travel to Russia for a meeting of the leaders of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum, Malacañang yesterday welcomed China's promise to ensure freedom of navigation and safety in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) and work with Southeast Asian nations on a code of conduct to manage territorial disputes.

Mr. Aquino leaves this afternoon for the Russian port city of Vladivostok, where he expects to meet Chinese President Hu Jintao on the sidelines of the Apec leaders' summit.

The summit will be held on Russky Island, off Vladivostok.

PH HAILS A11

Clinton delivers stirring plea for Obama 2nd term

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina—Former US President Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama hugged onstage on Wednesday night after Clinton delivered an impassioned plea on behalf of Obama's reelection, the 42nd US president nominating the 44th to a second term with a forceful and spirited argument that Democratic values would restore the promise of the middle class.

The former president delivered a point-by-point rebuttal of the arguments made during the Republican National Convention last week, warning against Republicans taking back the White House and declaring, "We can't let it happen."

Clinton offered an equally detailed affirmative case for the reelection of Obama, saying there was no question the country was in a better position than it was four years ago.

"We simply cannot afford to give the reins of government to someone who will double down on trickle down," Clinton said, repeatedly bringing the crowd at the Democratic National Convention to its feet.

"I love our country so much and I know we're coming back," he added.

Clinton drew sharp lines between the choices facing voters in November. He made the case

CLINTON A11

Behind Bill's great speech is Hillary / A21

PH only 2nd country to ratify ILO convention on househelp

By Tarra Quismundo

THE PHILIPPINES has ratified a landmark international convention that seeks to protect domestic workers around the world, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said yesterday.

The Philippines is the second country after Uruguay to ratify the measure, a move seen as a "significant milestone in the protection of migrant domestic workers," the DFA said yesterday.

PH ONLY A8

Bill to benefit 2-M househelp / A8

Is Binay a 'dark, small, malignant spirit?' Korina's remarks under inquiry

By Tarra Quismundo

WHEN broadcaster Korina Sanchez supposedly said on radio that "dark and small malignant spirits" were interested in taking over the post of interior secretary, was she really referring to Vice President Jejomar Binay?

ABS-CBN network has written to Binay's office saying it is now conducting an inquiry into the matter, and a spokesperson for the Vice President yesterday said it was looking forward to the results of the investigation.

IS BINAY A12



'Ocean 7' risk waves tall as houses to guard Tubbataha Reef

SEVEN intrepid men sail the waters off Tubbataha Reef aboard a striking black-and-white "panda" yacht called MY Navarra. They navigate the rough currents of the Sulu Sea and skim across waves as tall as houses to stand guard over the marine sanctuary.

Meet "Ocean's Seven," a team of conservation sailors at the helm of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)-Philippines' only "floating office" in the country.

Every day, the team—composed of Capt. Ronald de Roa, Dondon Cayonan, Herbito Daganga, Amiel Escobin, Jun Gayonan, Art Maghanoy and

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Mike A wants Sereno out of case

By Christine O. Avendaño

FORMER first gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo wants Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno to inhibit herself from the case involving his and his wife's questioning the watch-list orders issued against them by Justice Secretary Leila de Lima last year.

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Take it from solons, honesty best policy

THE HOUSE of Representatives apparently believes that young Filipino students need constant reminding that honesty is the best policy.

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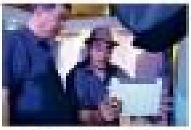


A Noteworthy event at Power Plant

September had just rolled in, and the air was abuzz with anticipation as hundreds of people lined up in front of the Samsung Galaxy Note Studio located at the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell. You'd think it was for the premiere of the latest Hollywood blockbuster, but the gathered masses weren't moviegoers, but tech-enthusiasts, waiting with barely contained excitement for the release of the latest in Samsung's popular line of tablets – the Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1.



There was certainly plenty to be excited about. Not only would they be the first to enjoy the Note's extensive list of features, but the grand unveiling was accompanied by a special one-day promo. The first owners of the Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 were able to avail of a ₱3,000 discount from the original price of ₱33,990. Not only that, but the Notes came bundled with free Samsung MiPow PowerTube backup chargers which were worth more than ₱3,000 each! It's for these great deals and more that had people lining up early in front of the Galaxy Note Studio. By the first half of the day, more than one hundred Galaxy Note units had been purchased.



The Samsung Galaxy Note Studio helped serve as an exhibit for mall goers to get acquainted with the Note itself. The three different nooks, which comprised the Studio, hung the spotlight over the Note's impressive features. The Note's Multi-Screen feature allows users to split their digital workspace between different apps and programs at the same time. Similarly, Pop-Up Play runs videos through a resizable screen, allowing for other parts of the Note's beautiful 10.1" 1080p Full HD screen to be used for other things. Users can draw and write to their heart's desire with the included S-Pen, a sleek stylus that mimics the comfort and preciseness of a regular pen. With the Note's inclusion of Adobe Photoshop Touch, the industry-standard in image-editing software, and S Note, a complete desktop publishing suite, users can create and share on the go. It's through these unique features the Note enhances productivity and inspires creativity.



Ms. Precy Evangelista, accompanied by her best friend Ms. Gilta Pender, Precy situated herself in front of the Samsung Galaxy Note Studio as soon as the mall opened. Her patience paid off, as she became the first person to own a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 in the Philippines and enjoyed the exclusive deals that came with being one. Originally, only Precy had planned to purchase a Note that day, but when Gilta visited the various nooks and saw all the features that the Note had to offer, she decided to buy one for herself. For Precy, it was her need to conduct several presentations at work that helped her decide that the Note was a perfect fit for her busy lifestyle. As for Gilta, she was impressed by the Note's note-taking features that would allow her to work on sketches while scaling the web for design inspiration. She was also amazed by the S Pen's precision, accuracy and sensitivity against the Note commenting that it feels like she's using a real pen to write on paper.

Another proud new owner of the Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 was Shaira Co, who visited the Galaxy Note Studio with her mom and siblings. Weeks before launch, she already researched the Note's cool features via videos in Youtube and other gadget websites and was really impressed. The Galaxy Note 10.1 was an easy purchase for her since it offers everything that she needs for school. Some of which were the S Note feature for taking down notes, doodling and drawing, HSPA+ and Wi-Fi for high speed researching and Dropbox for music, pictures or school file storage.



Gadget users are often pictured as being young professionals, but Ms. Del Rey showed that you're never too old to keep up with the latest tech trends. She bought herself a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 because of its impressive look, and for its ease of use when it comes to internet browsing and emailing. She was also awed by the high resolution 10.1 inch screen for looking at pictures of family, friends and loved ones with utmost clarity.



For gadget-loving couple London and Myra Tan, they couldn't resist buying one Note each, because it's the in-thing now, and everyone had raved about how powerful it was. The 1.4GHz Quad-Core processor provides them the ability to handle various tasks simultaneously which they found to be functional, convenient and versatile – just like a laptop!

By the end of the day, hundreds of techies went home happy with their own Galaxy Note 10.1 in hand, marking the launch as a complete success. The next Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 Studio activation is happening on September 8 and 9, at SM North EDSA – The Block. Come over there and discover how the Samsung Galaxy 10.1 redefines the way we use a tablet.

For more information, please visit www.samsung.com.



Palace takes bow for competitiveness ranking

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Robredo's legacy





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Royale Homes Marketing Corporation marks its eighteenth anniversary with new achievements on the horizon. It has been marketing The Residences, Sta. Lucia Realty's new premier development in East of Metro Manila at the junction of Pasig, Cainta, Marikina, and Antipolo, with much success. Also, it is opening up new markets in the U.S., through its participation in the Sta. Lucia Land Property Expo in the cities of San Francisco, San Jose, and New Jersey.

Royale Homes is constantly making strides in its commitment to set the benchmarks for the real estate sector in the Philippines by providing only the best properties to its clients and by staying true to its mission of giving total quality service to the Filipino.

With nearly two decades of success in the field, Royale Homes continues to raise the standard of excellence year-by-year. It remains a vanguard in the real estate industry, ever ready to overcome new challenges, and always with a vision for even greater achievements for the future.

Royale Homes traces its beginnings to September 8, 1994, when three visionary lady entrepreneurs followed their dream of establishing a leading player, a force to reckon with, in the very competitive real estate industry.

These women, Matilde P. Robles, now Royale Homes President; Ma. Czarina A. Soliz, Executive Vice-President for Sales, Marketing and Training; and Ms. Melinda A. Bernardino, Executive Vice-President for Finance and Administration, proved to all that they had the foresight, determination, and entrepreneurial savvy to make their dream a reality—and to sustain that dream until today.

Royale Homes is now marketing The Sta. Lucia Residences, a [illegible] residential, commercial and business complex which is the crown jewel of the Sta. Lucia Center. It has also effectively marketed Sta. Lucia Realty's development projects in Metro Manila, as well as the provinces of Pangasinan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Rizal, Cavite and Batangas and key cities like Baguio, Iloilo and Davao.

These past five years, Royale Homes has successfully opened up and explored new markets in the US, Middle East and the Asia-Pacific. Its drive to reach greater heights is sustained by its sales force and staff who are united in fulfilling the company's highest ideals.

Indeed, being an industry leader for eighteen years is a sterling achievement—but it's also a launching pad for further heights. Royale Homes moves toward the future with even greater hope, optimism and an even stronger vision to achieve more for the [illegible].

Leni: I'll help, not run

Wanted: Filipino sea eco-warriors

The Daily Gospel





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to the

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT of ISABELA

for having been adjudged a CY 2011 RECIPIENT of the

Seal of Good Housekeeping

of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Thank you, Honorable DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, because in your advocacy of good governance and implementation of the full disclosure policy, you have conferred the honor of the SEAL to the Provincial Local Government Unit of Isabela for its demonstration of sound fiscal management, accountability, and transparency as a local government unit (LGU).

Congratulations, likewise, to the Honorable Governor Faustino G. Dy III and Vice Governor Rodito T. Albano III for demonstrating leadership and sincerity in ensuring LGU-Isabela's compliance with the Best Practices standard set by Sec. Robredo, as a tribute to his exceptional governance and reformist spirit.

At higit sa lahat, MABUHAY ang lahat ng Isabeleños sa kanilang pakikisa kay Gov. Dy at Vice Gov. Albano sa pagsuporta sa lahat ng programa at adhikain ng PLGU-Isabela upang maging karapat-dapat sa pagkilala at upang maipakita ang tunay na halimbawa ng isang LGU na may tutoong kakayanan para iseguro ang kabuhayan, kalusugan, at kapakanan ng lalawigan.



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Bill to benefit 2-M househelp

By Leila B. Salaverria and Norman Bordadora

Senate version

P2,500 pay in Metro

Contract

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PH only 2nd country ...

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QUAKE SAFETY

Pinoys in NZ shipwreck freed

Another Ampatuan denial

Court stops bidding on rice

















WHAT TO DO WITH CERVICAL CANCER WHEN SCARED TO UNDERGO SURGERY?



'Ocean 7' brave waves tall as houses to guard Tubbataha



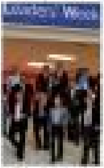


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QC, NHA officials face raps over MSBF row

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Neal H. Cruz

A roller-coaster week of highs and lows

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Re party-list accreditation

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Jesse an exceptional public official PH will miss

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Monsoon rains grim reminders of worse to come

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AN OPEN LETTER TO PETER WALLACE

From being an admirable opinion writer who once wrote that the "best about the Philippines... is freedom," (Manila Standard 08 June 2012 *As It Is* column by Peter Wallace), Mr. Peter Wallace became a pitiful propagandist for Grace Padaca in his column in the 30 August 2012 issue of PDI, his new home of two months. No wonder his departure from MST was cheered by many, including MST Staff, with twitters even calling him a Malacañang bootlicker who needs the PDI space so that his praises will not be for naught.

SO WHAT HAPPENED, PETER? I thought you appreciated the freedom in the Philippines. Why attack the Dys of Isabela who were ELECTED UNDER A DEMOCRACY which grants all under it the freedom to choose their leaders? Are you even a Filipino, or Filipino enough, to meddle into the affairs of the State?

Your "SAY GRACE" column is obviously nothing but a clownish, though perfectly timed attempt to achieve 4 objectives — all at the expense of the Dys of Isabela:

1) Make Pnoy feel good for appointing Serena

2) Create a semblance of public demand for Padaca to be appointed DILG Chief

3) Corrupt the Ombudsman and the Sandiganbayan

4) Cast Padaca in the Robredo Mold

GROW UP, PETER! The Dys did not "destroy" Padaca. They did not go "all out" to win in 2010. Did you mean cheating? Had you checked your recent history facts, you would have known that Padaca's supposed 2nd victory in 2007 was actually a sham, with the COMELEC declaring shortly before the 2010 polls that Benjamin Dy was the true winner and investigations showed filled-up ballots for Padaca bearing the same handwriting. So who is skilled at going "all out?"

You should know that no one, not even the Dys, could have done a better hatchet job on Padaca than Padaca herself who masterminded the stashing of the P25 Million Hybrid Rice Program fund with the EDWIN Foundation, an entity closely linked to ex-Congressman Edwin Uy, a known Padaca ally. Wallace should read the Ombudsman's Resolution which is based on COA findings. Ombudsman Carpio-Morales, an appointee of Pnoy whom Padaca supported in 2010, found probable cause for graft so the Sandiganbayan issued an arrest warrant. Dismissing the charges as "spurious" is questioning the integrity of the Ombudsman, which could also mean questioning Pnoy's judgement in appointing her. Wallace should also know that NO agriculturist in Isabela would agree that the 10 towns listed as recipients in the Program were ALL rice-growers. Fact is all 10 were in Congressman Uy's District, and not one of these has emerged as Big or among the Biggest rice-producers in Region 02.

DO YOU KNOW THAT PADACA, FOR ALL HER CLOSE TIES WITH ROBREDO, IS THE NUMBER 1 VIOLATOR OF THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007 (ARTA), which demands transparency and accountability of LGUs? From 2007 to 2010, during her supposed 2nd term, Padaca NEVER issued a Citizen's Charter (a list of services and speed of delivery) to be made and displayed, and none of the "no-fixer," "no noontbreak" and "Full Disclosure of bidding activities and budget allocations" policies were complied with. Despite repeated directives from the DILG, LGU-Isabela, Padaca NEVER implemented the ARTA law in the Provincial Capitol of Isabela. Against the spirit of that law, Padaca "stashed cash" and kept nearly in a "time deposit account" what she called "savings (actually obligated appropriations)," in violation of fiscal procedures.

WHY, PETER, you should know, if you truly advocate good governance, that your efforts to lionize Padaca and elevate her alongside Robredo is OBSCENE and a DESECRATION OF THE MEMORY OF ROBREDO who is a genuine reformist and advocate of good governance. DO NOT CHEAPEN Jesse's accomplishment by lumping the two together. DO NOT PUT TO WASTE the good that lives after Robredo by diluting the impact that his death caused upon the Filipino people.

Jesse practiced the "open door policy" just as the Dys have always done so; Padaca DID NOT because she put up a very tight cordon sanitaire and made sure to hold only pre-appointed meetings. Jesse chose to live simple, while Padaca chose to live in the Governor's Palace behind the Isabela Provincial Capitol, and made sure to charge all her groceries to the Provincial Government. Jesse did not have a graft case, is soft-spoken, has not attacked people verbally or physically, or even raised hell at meetings with colleagues in government, while Padaca was known for her bad temper, bad words, and fortunately, for her bad aim. Jesse was supportive of public health and the hospital system in Naga, while Padaca did not support most of the health programs in Isabela and in fact closed district hospitals, and left the provincial hospital without cotton. Jesse was transparent and a believer of good governance. Padaca was the Queen of Non-Disclosure and a mere mouther of the words. Jesse is the poster boy for good governance while Padaca is a poseur for the same.

The list goes on, and Peter should think and hold that happy thought so he could fly to Isabela where he can read right from the billboard, the fully disclosed transactions of the Provincial Government, IN TRUE AND CONSISTENT PURSUIT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE JESSE ROBREDO BRAND OF GOOD GOVERNANCE. ENOUGH OF the PR CAMPAIGN for PADACA and Wallace's SELF-PROMOTION to get on the good side of Pnoy. PADACA is nothing but a fake, bogus, ersatz — it's time Peter, Atty. Lenny, Pnoy, and the whole Philippines know the truth. UNLESS OF COURSE, it's ok to be stupid.

LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY
Province of Isabela

PAID ADVT.

Across the NATION



THE STREETS of Sta. Cruz, Laguna, have turned into rivers forcing people to ride boats on their way to schools and offices.

Floodwaters won't ease for 300,000 in Laguna

By Romulo O. Ponte

STA. CRUZ, Laguna—More than 300,000 people languish in evacuation centers and flooded homes a month after monsoon rains inundated hundreds of villages and raised water levels in a lake in the province of Laguna, a government welfare agency said in a report.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in a report on flood victims in Laguna, said 323,000 individuals are still living in evacuation centers and homes that are submerged in floodwaters 1 month after monsoon rains pummeled the province.

The floodwaters are becoming stagnant and are starting to smell bad, the DSWD report said.

The flood victims are from 165 villages in the province's 19 towns and cities that are still flooded, said the report released by Ernesto M. Montecillo, the province's social welfare and development officer.

The report listed eight casualties in the flooding. Seven of them were identified as Pyramid Christian Custodio of Biñan City, 2-year-old Lorenzo Ruiz Cardeno of Cabuyao City, Baltazar Roldan of Pila town, Alfredo Matalang Sr., 83, and Christian Joy Bellosa, 17, both of Calamba City; Ernesto Flores of Siniloan town and Yosleo Flores of San Pablo City.

The eighth casualty remains unidentified but the report said the person was from Siniloan town.

The report said 324 evacuation centers continued to be occupied by villagers displaced by floods that were worsened by rising water level of Laguna lake. At least 61,381 individuals are in the shelters.

The villages that remain flooded are in the cities of Biñan, Sta. Rosa, Calamba, Cabuyao and the towns of San Pedro, Calauan, Victoria, Bay, Los Baños, Famy, Lumban, Mabitac, Paete, Pakil, Pangil, Pila, Siniloan, Sta. Cruz and Sta. Maria.

In Sta. Cruz, boats have become the main mode of transportation as a large part of the province's capital town is still submerged in flood.

The provincial office of DSWD was not spared from the flooding. Ankle-deep floodwaters have not receded in the area where the office is located.

The public market of Sta. Cruz is completely submerged in floodwaters, forcing officials to build a temporary market on a park near the town hall and the Our Lady of the Immaculate parish church.

The PPA is inviting interested parties to participate in the OPEN and TRANSPARENT bidding process for the P474 MILLION CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TEN (10) PORTS.

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INVITATION TO BID
P474 M PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY
CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PORTS

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HEAD OFFICE



Port of Zamboanga, Zamboanga del Sur

The project entails the construction of wharf transition [illegible], construction of wharf on deck piles [illegible], construction of two (2) fixed ramps with [illegible] dolphins and supply and installation of rubber dock fenders.

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Port of Cagayan de Oro, Cagayan de Oro City

This project entails the demolition of existing PTB structure including [illegible] and pavement, construction of lateral drainage, catch basin and manholes including [illegible] of existing yard grading and installation of [illegible] construction of one (1) storey PTB and construction of concrete [illegible], one (1) unit [illegible] and one (1) unit concrete pedestal.

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Port of Masbate, Masbate City

This project entails the construction RC Wharf (Area: [illegible]) and supply and installation of rubber dock fenders [illegible], including furnishing of accessories.

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PDO – NORTHERN MINDANAO



Port of Iligan, Iligan City

The project entails the demolition & excavation works, drainage system and construction of one (1) storey Passenger Terminal Building composed of structural works, architectural/finishing works, plumbing and electrical/mechanical works (A= 1,250 sq. m.)

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Port of Ozamis, Ozamis City

This project entails the demolition & excavation works, drainage system and construction of one (1) storey passenger terminal building composed of structural works, architectural/finishing works, plumbing and electrical/mechanical works (A= 1,250 sq. m.)

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PDO – SOUTHERN LUZON



Port of Pio Duran, Albay

This project entails the construction of one (1) storey passenger terminal building composed of structural works, architectural/finishing works, plumbing and electrical/mechanical works (A=[illegible] sq. m.) and construction of cistern tank and elevated water tank platform.

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PDO – VISAYAS



Port of Culasi, Roxas City

The project entails the upgrading of existing back-up area involving preparatory works and installation of interlocking concrete paving blocks (A =[illegible] sq.m.).

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Port of Culasi, Roxas City

This project entails the construction of one (1) storey passenger terminal building composed of structural works, architectural/finishing works, plumbing and electrical/mechanical works (A=[illegible] sq. m.)

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Port of Dumangas, Iloilo City

This project entails the construction of one (1) storey passenger terminal building composed of structural works, architectural/finishing works, plumbing and electrical/mechanical works (A=[illegible] sq. m.)

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Iloilo River Wharf, Iloilo

This project entails the construction of a one (1) storey passenger terminal building composed of structural works, architectural/finishing works, plumbing and electrical/mechanical works (A= 1,000 sq. m.)

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3 dead in sinking of boat

Vessel carried mostly students attending Math contest

New Baguio buildings tower over local laws



Suspension of 7 councilors ordered after fiasco in loan deal approval

> 'Do we still need a three-story market? Why the rush to get the loan?'

Sinkholes seen effects of 7.6 Visayas quake

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DOTC

INVITATION TO BID
P25.2 M CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF
DOTC AND LTO OFFICES IN CARAGA REGION

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CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF DOTC CARAGA REGIONAL OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT

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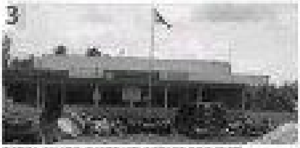
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BUTUAN CITY LTO DISTRICT OFFICE PROJECT

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PATIN-AY LTO DISTRICT OFFICE PROJECT

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SURIGAO CITY LTO DISTRICT OFFICE PROJECT

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TANDAG LTO DISTRICT OFFICE PROJECT

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BISLIG LTO DISTRICT OFFICE PROJECT

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Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee
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Requests for Expression of Interest for Feasibility and Master Plan Studies
PROPOSED SAN JOSE, CAM SUR AIRPORT and CALBAYOG AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS





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b. [illegible]	30%
c. [illegible]	20%

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For further information, please refer to:

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Behind Bill's great speech is Hillary



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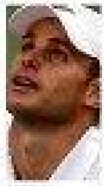
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Non-Muslims living 'in terror' in Pakistan, world churches say

GENEVA—Minority religious communities in Pakistan are living in "fear and terror" of Islamic fundamentalists amid abductions and forced conversions that the government is helpless to stop, the World Council of Churches (WCC) said on Wednesday.

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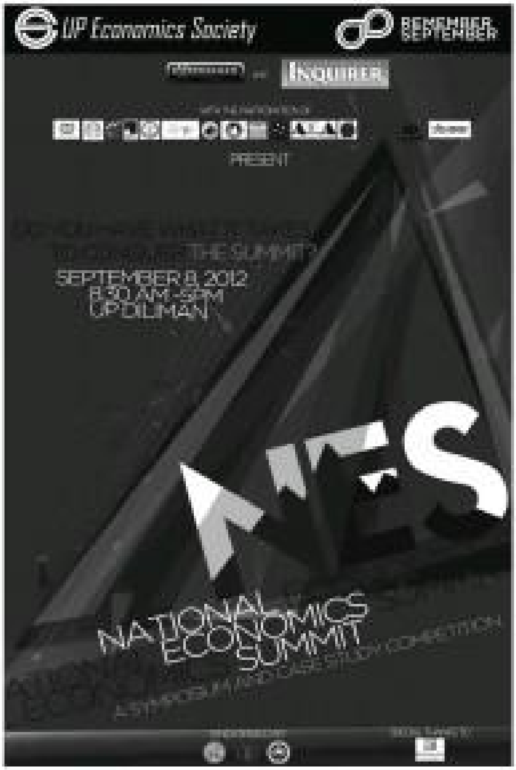
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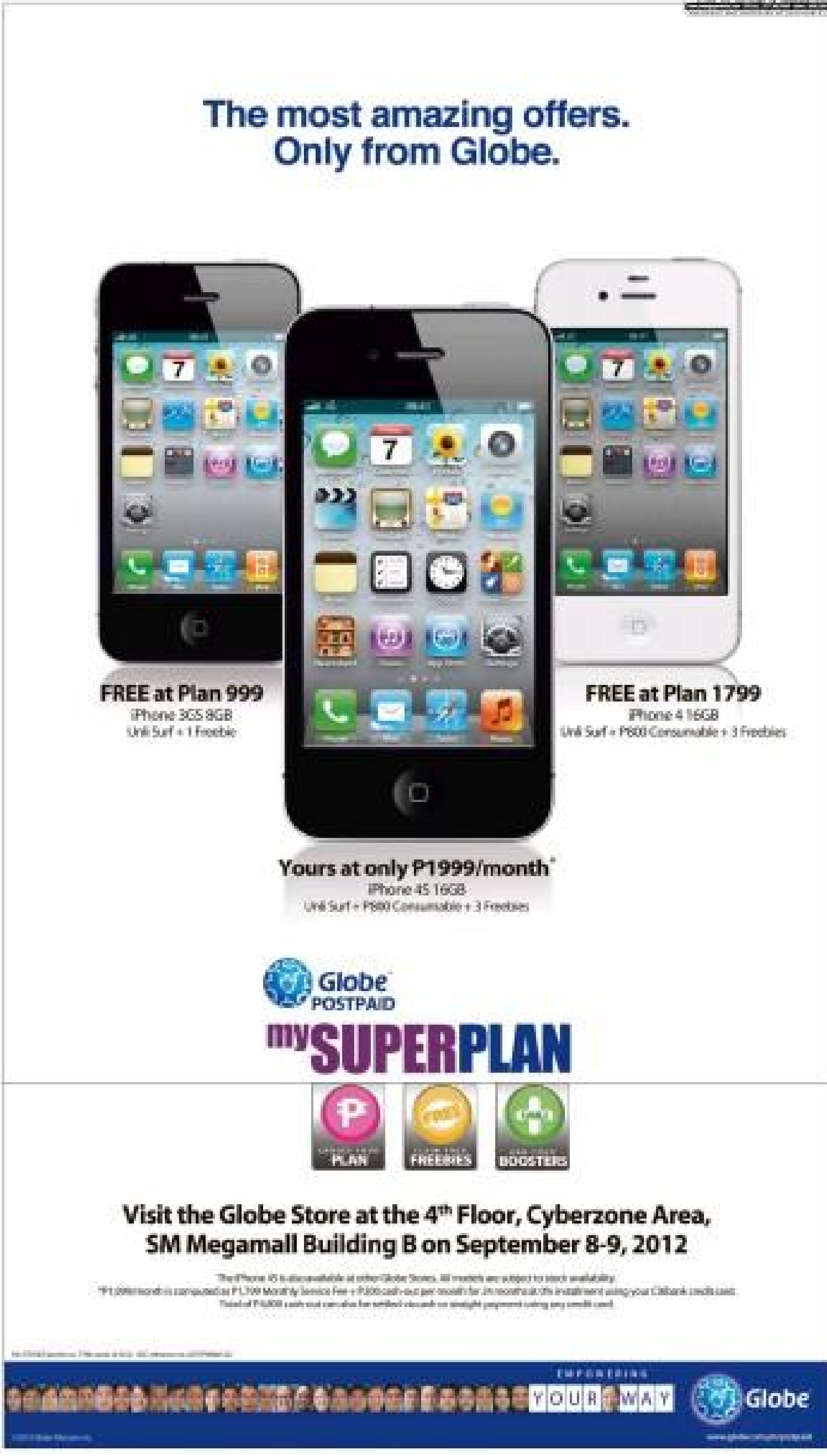
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Households may expect hefty cuts in their power bills

By Amy R. Remo

CUSTOMERS of Manila Electric Co., the country's biggest power distributor, may look forward to hefty reductions in their electricity bills this month as the generation, transmission and system loss charges of the utility fell by a hefty P1.73 per kWh.

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BSP: PH weighed down by too much liquidity

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES may have emerged as the darling of foreign portfolio investors, but it is now being weighed down by too much liquidity in its financial system, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

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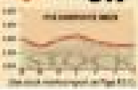
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SSS net earnings up 42% to ₱18.7B in first half

Contributions exceed benefit payments by P3.9B

By Butch Fernandez Domingo

NET EARNINGS of the Social Security System jumped 42 percent year-on-year to ₱18.7 billion in the first semester as the pension fund struggled to reduce operating expenses.

Emilio de Quiros Jr., SSS president and chief executive, said the growth rate could be attributed to higher earnings from contributions and investments, along with measures to ensure efficient spending.

De Quiros said steps to streamline branch resources and improve system efficiency helped slow down operating expenses to ₱3.5 billion—five percent less than the ₱3.8 billion spent in the first half of 2011.

"Our online and electronic inquiry facilities have helped free our branch personnel from attending to numerous over-the-counter queries, and instead focus more on attending to members' claims," he explained.

Also, the enhanced SSS website, Text-SSS service and the SSS Facebook page have allowed members to transact and make inquiries online rather than go to the branches personally for simple queries, De Quiros added.

"The recent SSS reorganization also allowed branches to pursue more efficient coverage and collection activities, especially for priority and hard-to-reach sectors such as self-employed individuals and informal sector workers," the SSS chief said.

Contribution inflows also exceeded benefit payments by ₱3.9 billion during the first semester, De Quiros said. The resulting surplus has already surpassed the ₱3.2 billion posted for the full year of 2011.

Earlier, De Quiros announced that contribution collections, which made up about three-quarters of the ₱65.6-billion revenue for the first half, grew by nine percent to ₱48.7 billion.

Yesterday, De Quiros said disbursements of benefits grew by four percent to ₱42.8 billion, of which about half covered retirement claims.

Other benefits paid out include ₱16.4 billion for death and funeral grants, ₱2.1 billion for maternity, ₱1.7 billion for disability and ₱860 million for sickness and medical services.

Further, De Quiros said SSS investments, which account for the rest of the fund's revenue, brought in ₱16.9 billion—an increase of 22 percent from the ₱13.2 billion of the previous year.

"We took advantage of stock market opportunities that helped boost our equity earnings by 48 percent to a six-month total of ₱10.8 billion," he said.

"The returns on our equity investments reached a remarkable 24.2 percent as of June 2012, which outperformed even the Philippine Stock Exchange index at 20.8 percent, or 10-year bond rates at 5.5 percent."

Earnings from other SSS investments include ₱4.6 billion from government securities, ₱1.1 billion from salary loans and ₱448 million from corporate notes and bonds.

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BSP to impose liquidity requirement for banks

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES may soon be a step ahead of most advanced economies, in terms of implementing the latest international regulations, once the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas imposes a liquidity requirement for local banks.

According to a provision of Basel 3, an updated set of regulations meant to enhance banking standards, regulators are allowed to require banks to put up a certain amount, which may be on top of their regular capital, to cover basic risk exposures.

Many advanced economies chose to implement provisions of Basel 3 on a staggered basis until 2019. But the BSP said it would want the Philippines to be a bit ahead of the industrialized countries.

Other emerging Asian countries are as aggressive as the Philippines in implementing the provisions of Basel 3 ahead of the advanced economies, BSP Deputy Governor Nestor Espenilla Jr. said.

The BSP, Espenilla said, is set to release discussion papers on the proposed liquidity requirement and will gather inputs from industry members. After that, the BSP will issue a circular on the liquidity requirement.

The BSP normally gives banks 90 days to give inputs on draft circulars and discussion papers on proposed regulations, he said.

"We can come up with the discussion paper late this month and hopefully issue the circular before the end of the year," Espenilla said.



As WESM rates dip ...

BSP: PH weighed down

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Toyota builds world-class technical school in Santa Rosa, Laguna

TOYOTA MOTOR PHILIPPINES CORPORATION (TMP) broke ground for the establishment of a world-class Technical School at the Toyota Special Economic Zone in Santa Rosa, Laguna. The Technical School is envisioned to occupy a 1-hectare property producing globally competent, highly skilled automotive technicians for the Toyota Family both in the Philippines and abroad. In the long-term, the Technical School can eventually become a regional human resources development hub for global Toyota.

TMP chairman Dr. George S.K. Ty shared his vision for the school saying, "I believe that we need to empower our youth through quality education. It is my hope that through the graduates of this school, I will be able to give back what this country so willingly provided me."

The Technical School is a testament to Toyota's continued contribution to the further development of the Philippine society through education, in addition to the many other philanthropic projects of Toyota. Through the School, Toyota is leveraging technical, financial and human resources in order to catalyze national development.

The envisioned opening of the Toyota Technical School is in 2015.



In full support to TMP chairman Dr. George S.K. Ty (7th from left), dignitaries and top Toyota Officials graced the event. In photo joining Dr. Ty are (from left) Mitsui & Co. Pte. Ltd. executive managing officer Shintaro Ando, TMP president Michinobu Sugata, Toyota Motor Asia Pacific (TMAP) chief regional officer for Asia Pacific region Takahiro Iwase, TESDA deputy director general Teodoro Pascua, Amb. Domingo Siazon, Jr., Toyota Technical School chairman of the board of advisers Washington Sycip, His Excellency Fidel Ramos, Toyota honorary chairman Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, Japan Ambassador Toshinao Urabe, Sec. Edgardo Angara, Presidential Communications Operations Office secretary Herminio Coloma, Jr., TMP vice chairman Alfred Ty, PEZA director general Lilia De Lima, Santa Rosa City mayor Arlene Arcillas, and Toyota Dealer Association president William Li.

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A GOOD PRODUCT IS A STAR

Celebrities: their fees, pluses and minuses of using them

In 2011, Manny Pacquiao barged into Forbes' yearly list of 20 highest-paid celebrities



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Consumerizing a celebrity attracts throngs of consumers

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EastWest rural banking units to get ₱820-M capital boost





Suntrust Capitol Plaza

begins sophisticated transformation

By Charles E. Buban

Fifteen years since its inception, Suntrust Properties, Inc. has never ceased its credibility in providing superior quality yet affordable homes. The company's latest effort at the heart of Quezon City (just beside the iconic Sulo Hotel) now sets the bar a notch higher and is slowly transforming a seemingly forgotten building into a classy residential condominium community bustling with activity.

Once completed, the 33-storey high **Suntrust Capitol Plaza** will definitely be imposing and spectacular as it offers a 360-degree view of the city's skyline and the surrounding environs.

"Suntrust Properties (www.suntrust.com.ph) is now redesigning and completing Suntrust Capitol Plaza into one of the most impressive residential projects in the market. But before we commenced on this task, we made sure that the structure that was handed to us passed thorough quality and technical safety inspection. We enlisted the services of an independent engineering firm to assist us and identify retro-fitting and reinforcement works which we already implemented," assured Suntrust president Atty. Harrison M. Paltongan.

Paltongan reported that after undertaking the most comprehensive structural and safety tests, Suntrust Properties has now begun its work in reconstructing the building to become a high-rise residential condominium styled as a neo-renaissance 'palazzo' or grand palace.

Affordably priced

Considering the grand proportions and opulent details that Suntrust Capitol Plaza will present to its future residents and their guests, Paltongan reiterated that its condo units will still be priced affordably – a 35.75 sq.m. studio unit will only cost P2.5 million. Paltongan believes that Suntrust Capitol Plaza would still be very enticing to the middle income homebuyers, as it offers residential units designed to address the various paying capacities of interested clients.

Buyers will have a choice of studio or 1-bedroom units as well as bi-level units with 2- to 3-bedrooms, including a maid's quarter/utility area.

More views, more sunlight

Atty. Paltongan explained that by having more than the typical four sides that most condo units offer, Suntrust Capitol Plaza's architectural design of more than 20 sides would assure homeowners that they will be enjoying more and expansive views from their windows.

"By having numerous sides, future residents would be able to enjoy more views – the Quezon City and elliptical circle to the north; Pasig, Makati, Greenhills, Cubao and Mandaluyong skyline to the south; the mountains of Rizal province to the east; and the Ninoy Aquino Park and Wildlife Nature Center to the west," he said.

Being located at the heart of Quezon City, Paltongan reported that Capitol Plaza is attracting investors, professionals working in the nearby government and private establishments, and even families of overseas Filipino workers.

Amenities

Suntrust Capitol Plaza's amenities will be located at the 9th and 10th levels, which include a swimming pool, a children's pool, jacuzzi, pool-side lounge, pool deck with sitting area, function rooms, gymnasium, aerobics room, massage room, sauna and male and female changing/ shower rooms with toilet. Retail shops and food outlets will be set up in the ground floor, while offices, clinics and other commercial establishments will be situated at the second level.

Another notable feature of Suntrust Capitol Plaza is the viewing deck located at the 31st floor. "Residents will be able to enjoy 360-degree view of the cityscapes of Ortigas, Makati, Mandaluyong and Cubao, including the scenic mountains of Rizal province," described Paltongan.

Aside from the hotel-like lobby, Suntrust Capitol Plaza will also offer six levels of parking in the podium and two levels in the basement for a total of 291 slots as well as four high-speed, Mitsubishi passenger elevators—two to service both basement parking floors as well as the commercial spaces of the ground floor, clinics and shops at the second floor, and the parking levels at the 3rd to 8th floor.

"The other two high-speed elevators will exclusively service the residential floors from the 9th to 33rd floor," Paltongan said.

He also added that Suntrust Capitol Plaza has a total of only 450 units, compared to the 2,000 units that other projects with the same land area would usually offer. Each of the 33 floors is also assured of at least 58 percent open space.

Setting the bar

"We're not after the number of units that we could offer. Rather, we want to ensure that each floor doesn't feel crowded and that each unit is more spacious than what is normally offered in the market. We also included topnotch amenities that are not usually provided in this price range. In a way, we are setting the bar of what an affordable residential condo could offer," Paltongan explained.

"Suntrust may seem like a new player in the condominium development industry but since 1997 we have





For more details and inquiries on Suntrust Capitol Plaza or other Suntrust projects, interested parties may call 856-7015 to 19 or visit www.suntrust.com.ph.



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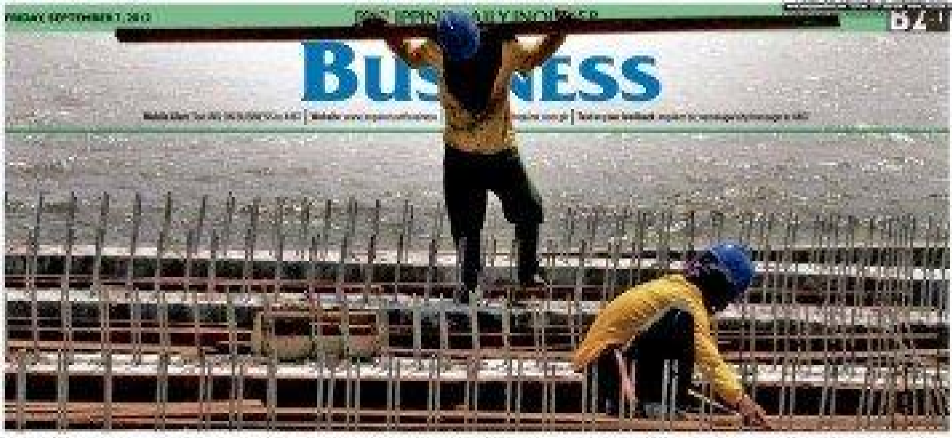
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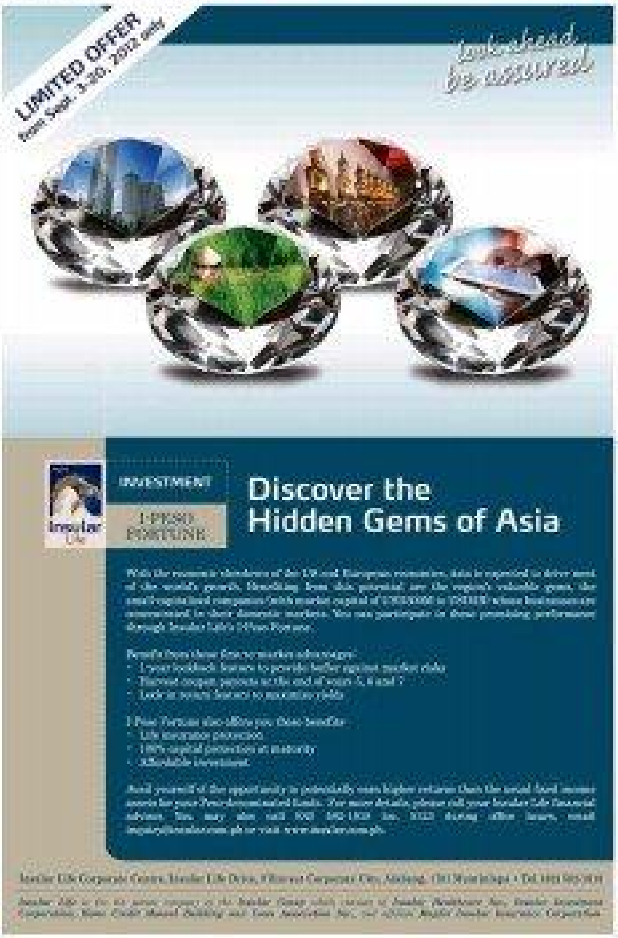
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INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Armani's grand play of contrasts

His Fall/Winter collections show his trademark expertise in tailoring, although he has opted for a more relaxed silhouette, especially in the men's line

By Alex Y. Vergara

CONTRASTING TEXTURES and materials, colors in gradation and play on volume—these characterized the Fall/Winter collections of Giorgio Armani for men and women.

The Italian fashion house presented its men's and women's lines for Giorgio Armani and Emporio Armani to regional journalists in Hong Kong recently.

The collections, which included accessories, were the same pieces Armani showed in Milan.

The designer's trademark expertise in tailoring was fully evident. This time, however, he opted for more relaxed silhouettes, especially in the men's line.

There were strong, if unlikely, color combinations such as orange and shocking pink for cocktail dresses and separates.

The simple black dresses were tastefully embellished with hand-sewn beads in various sizes and in graduating shades, from white to orange.

The couture-level quality of his [illegible] [illegible] desirous [illegible] hard to miss.

He also presented stylish separates—[illegible] silk tops in apricot and [illegible] pink, paired either with [illegible] and high-waisted pants, [illegible] shorts, or pencil skirts in black or neutral shades (ash gray).

There was ample layering with floral dresses worn over shorts, [illegible] both Giorgio Armani and Emporio Armani were cut slightly above the knee to show off [illegible] underneath.

In lieu of leggings

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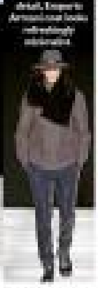




Armani's grand play of contrasts











Can you be too old to wear a mini?

By Mel Cuevas

Just because they make it in your size doesn't mean you should wear it

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Time to rediscover this timeless luxe brand

How I became a recent convert to Bally



MEN'S COLLECTION

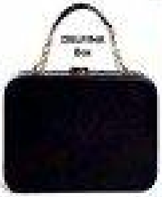


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BALLY Women's Fall/Winter collection







Silhouettes are loose, and its styles continue to exude an ethno-organic vibe, but its new collections are citified





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By Marge C. Enriquez





Lounging around

Citified looks

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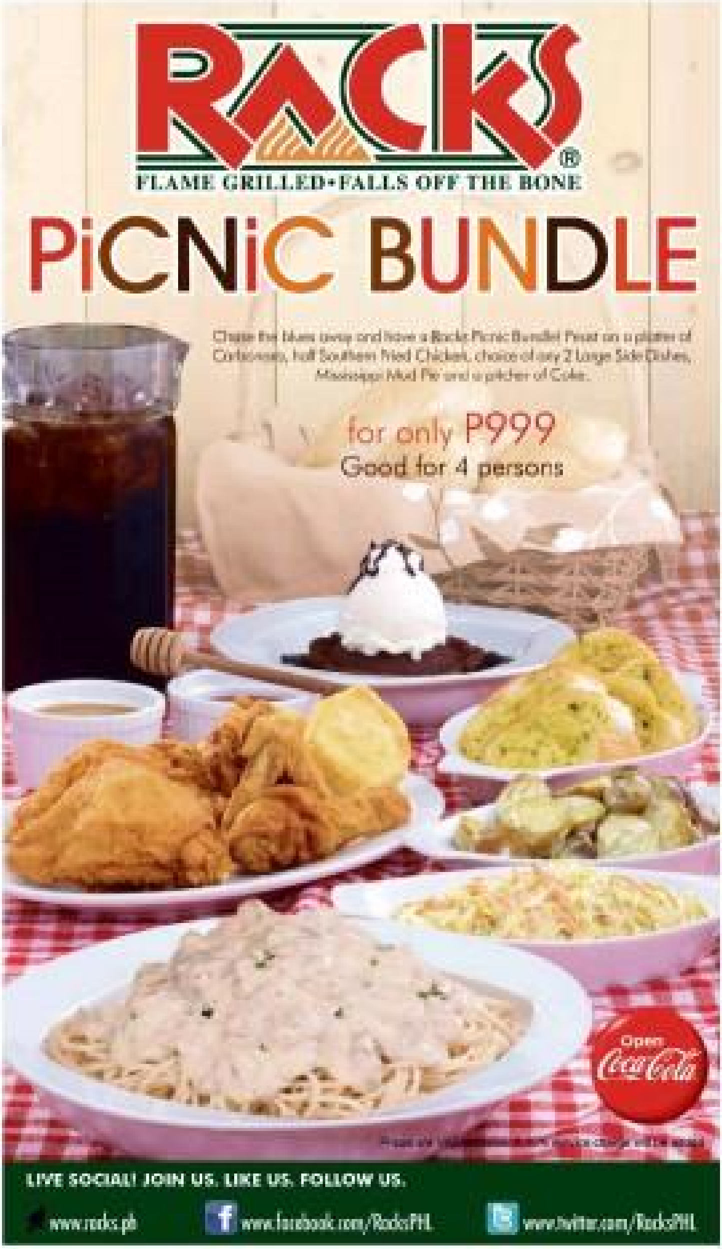




These rocks are made for rock 'n' roll

Swarovski's latest creations merge edgy, baroque and bohemia







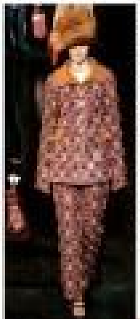




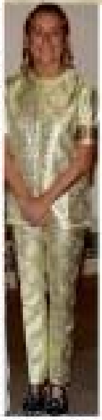
Pretty in prints

Retire your trusty denim jeans–pants in dizzying prints are the bolder option this season









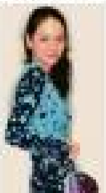
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Tips and tricks

Phoebe Philo and the hit bags she has designed

Ingrid Chua-Go



THE BAG HAG DIARIES

She's behind several Chloe and Celine bags, especially the current craze, the Celine Luggage Tote



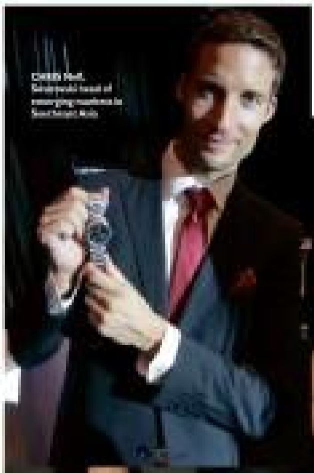






VALENTINO Rockstud Leather Tote

These rocks are made for rock 'n' roll



CHRIS Neff, Swarovski head of emerging markets in Southeast Asia









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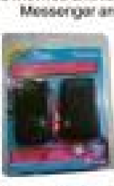


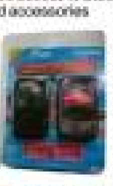
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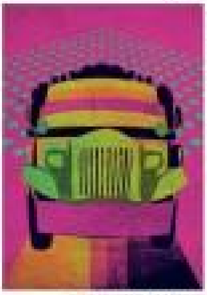
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Lessons from a jeepney ride

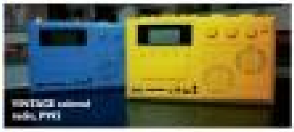
I thought all jeepney drivers were impatient, like in the first ride I had. I guess I was wrong

By Nicole Ki



A fun way to give

Looking for gift ideas to kick off your Christmas shopping? Check out these nice, fun stuff



























LA-born designer builds a brand that helps barangays all over

For 15 years, Renee Patron worked in fashion in the US, Europe and Japan. But she found the best gems in her own backyard

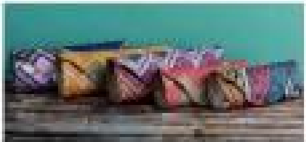




THE CREATIVE process begins



RENEE Patron



Best of both worlds

Growing up in fashion

The birth of Banago

The future of Banago

A gadget for *the inner artist in you*

With Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1, you can draw, write–and the screen won't 'go to sleep' as long as it senses your eyes looking at it. How cool is that?

By Luis Carlo San Jose

BEING CREATIVE at every ... [illegible]



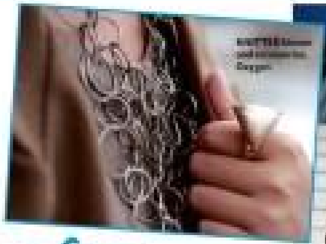
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Irah Loyco, 21, De La Salle–College of St. Benilde

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The fun and the quirky

Text and photos by Renee Copil





Maureen Manuel, 21, De La Salle University

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These students know how to stand out, to be different, to reflect the sunny side of things

A. Galarza, 18, De La Salle–College of St. Benilde

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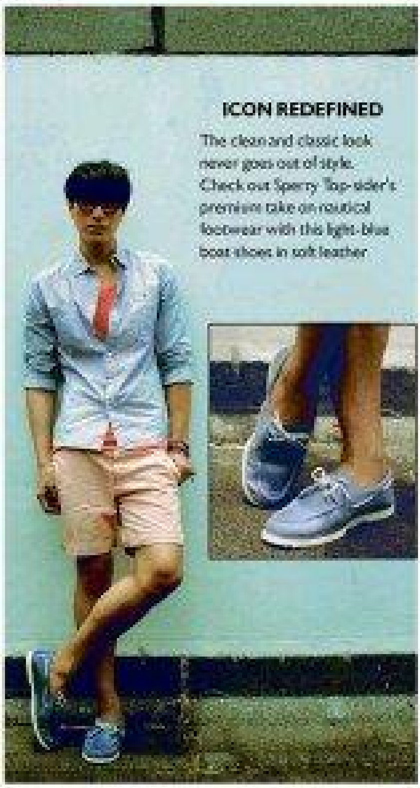






Jennifer Peralvar, 23, Far Eastern University

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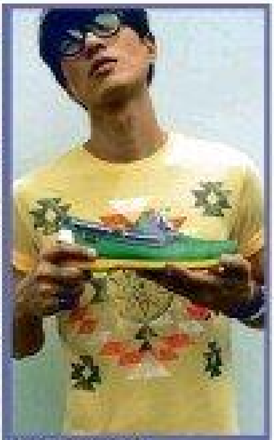


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The clean and classic look never goes out of style. Check out Sperry Top-sider's premium take on nautical footwear with this light-blue boat shoes in soft leather







Graphic appeal

Instead of the usual basic tones, have fun by mixing your bright essentials with a standout piece such as this Sebago tri-colored boat shoe.

Always essential

Upgrade your street get-ups with SM Department Store Men's Shoes' newest lineup of cool casual shoes

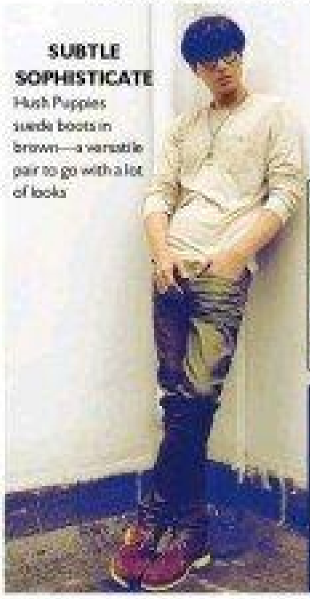




EASY DRIVIN'

Driving shoes are another must-have. Prep up your weekend look with this pair of Sledgers driving shoes in olive green.



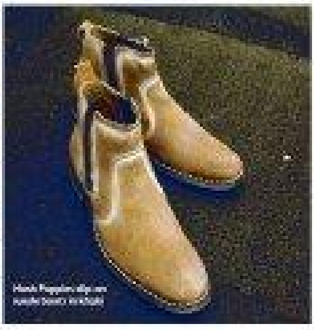


SUBTLE SOPHISTICATE

Hush Puppies suede boots in brown—a versatile pair to go with a lot of looks







LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

Reveal the beautiful you—and light up a billboard

Take the new 7-day Dove challenge

By [illegible]

WHAT IF someone says you could be the next girl to grace an Edsa billboard?

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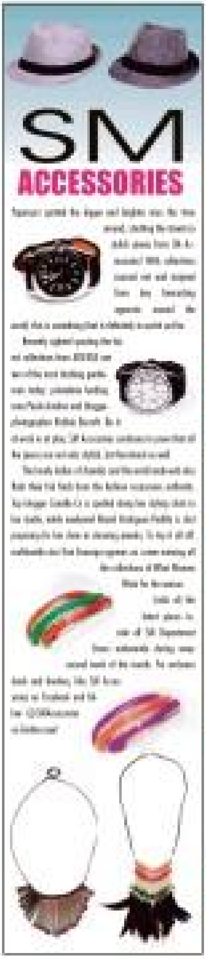
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THREE of the country's top female photographers: [illegible]





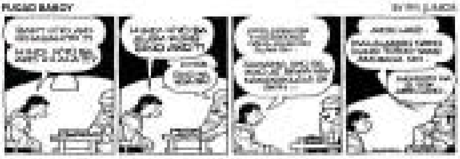


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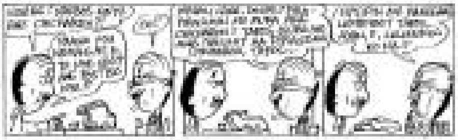


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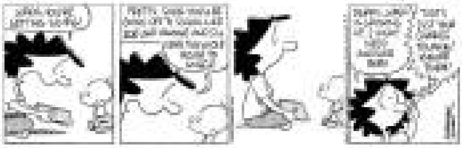


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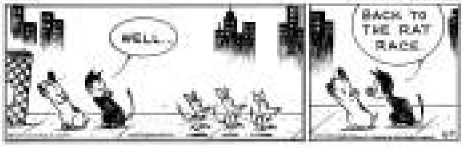
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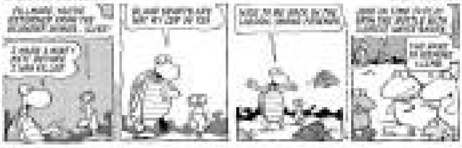




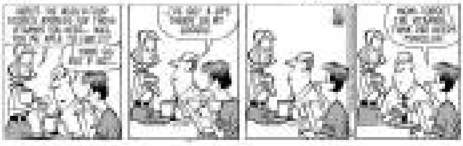
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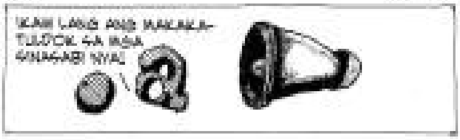
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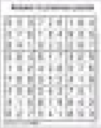


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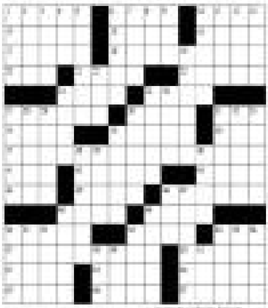
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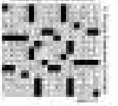
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How to deal with dark knees and elbows

MAKEOVER 911



Kimy Salas



AVON Anew Clinical Advanced Retexturizing Peel



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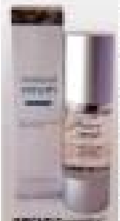
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DOVE beauty bar



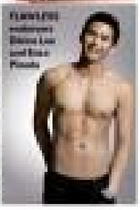




Visual literacy

Four slimming programs in one





New skincare line from Body Shop; Dead Sea cosmetics

Vanity Basket

New false-lash effect



MAX FACTOR False Lash Effect

Covergirl foundation



COVERGIRL and Olay Tone Rehab

Jericho Cosmetics



JERICHO Cosmetics' face and body cream

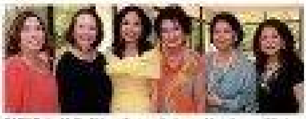


MOST Stylish Women awardees: president of Ejercito Inc. Jerika Ejercito, TV host Bianca Valerio, model Vanessa Matsunaga, Seventh High's Apex Lounge GM Mike Tan, TV host Karen Pamintuan, bossa nova singer Sitti Navarro, CEO of Belo Essentials Cristalle Henares, model and TV host Phoemela Baranda

'9 Most Stylish Women' bared



EVENT emcee Fredi Salvador, Seventh High GM Allan Maruzzo, Prestige Inc. GM Esmeralda Abe, Nine West brand associate Maan Maligaly, Nine West brand manager Delma Concepcion



BABY Cruz, Mellie Ablaza, Fortune Ledesma, Nena Lumen, Mitzi Valerio and Gilda Salonga

ALL OF A SUDDEN our town has been inundated with lists of the "most beautiful" and the "best dressed." The latest in women-to-list is Nine West.

Nine West is a top international shoe and accessories brand. In connection with the launching of its first fragrance at Seventh High, Love Fury, it named the "Nine Most Stylish Women."

Host Fredi Salvador introduced the nine women who best embodied Love Fury's power to seduce: TV host Karen Pamintuan, model Phoemela Baranda, Vanessa Matsunaga, Bianca Valerio, Belo Essentials CEO Cristalle Henares, Lifestyle Asia social editor Cristina Ejercito, Ejercito Inc. president Jerika Ejercito, Mike Tan of Seventh High and Apex Lounge, and Apex Lounge regular performer and bossa nova singer Sitti Navarro.

Without batting an eyelash

Alejandro Arceo



Photos by Alex Van Hagen powered by FRESH PHILIP...

Yummy pink cocktail drinks, resembling the perfume, were passed around while DJ Abby Romero, DJ Leo Pascual..., DJ ... and Fredi Manila's MC ... played music that had the guests rocking the dance floor.

Nine West Love Fury's smashing launch continued Seventh High's tradition of staging top fashion and lifestyle events. At bóté, pakanggay?

More info? Call Seventh High at tel. 0917-... or e-mail ...

Birthday bash for Alex Van Hagen

Society's pick of top photographers Alex Van Hagen surprised him with an exclusive belated birthday bash at the vibrant North Forbes Park Club House.

With tons of our lunch bunch in attendance, there were also loads of juicy gossip going around, pakanggay, before the invitees greeted Alex VH with a loud "Cheers!" as they raised their wine glasses and wished him another year of good health and happiness.

This was one birthday bash teeming with more than your usual high tea and mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres that were served by the honoree's ..., Mellie Reyes of famous The Plaza, ... The big-hearted hostess was Nena Lumen.

Manila's ... of yummy and Alex's closest pals came in full force, such as Chit Galsol, Helen Ong, Mellie Ablaza, Mao Nori, Mabel Abalos, Fortune Ledesma, Gilda Salonga, Fe Ng, Agnes Huibonhoa, Karen Manzano, Toby Ayson, Baby Cruz, Mitzi Valerio and Nenie Basilio.

Alex Van Hagen is, of course, photographer of our town's elite ... He documents in vibrant images the world of high living and the fun and laughter of good times, darlings.

To our dearest pal, Alex, we toast to your good health and prosperity. May you have more happy years to come! Cheers!



SUSAN Jimeno, Linda Ley, Ching Cruz, Leo Ellisa, Tina Gomez



NOI with Jaime Laya, Ray Carreon-Rusk



ROSE Lacson, Tessie Rodrigo



LINDA Panlaqui, Ana Fied, Maribel Jelandoni Macapagal, Fernan Libarat, Letty Syquia, Tessie Ampers



BECKY Garcia, Fe Rodriguez, Princess Olivar, Tita Trillo, Cory Quirino



TESSA Prieto-Valdes, Jojo Engbador, Mabeth Webb, Jackie Dizon



ANNE Gomez, Cristina Gomez, John Lozano, Arlen Aquino



JAY ANNE Rempola, Abel Vergara, Tata Tolentino

Global Advantage Fund

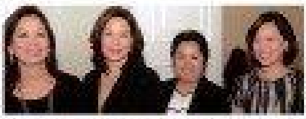
Everything sparkled with excitement during the first launching of the Global Advantage Fund (GAF) by AXA Philippines with the Nasdaq 100, considered one of the hottest stock markets and the wealthiest trading floor in the world, second only to the New York Stock Exchange. Yikes!

AXA's GAF is a high-value investment product that offers "maximized gains at minimized risk," said one of its trailblazers.

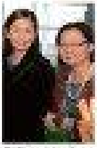
The formal event gave the invitees a taste of wealth and privilege. LED and LCD screens flashed glossy images of New York, Wall Street and Broadway. The New York Nasdaq stock market theme was spot on, right down to the ceremonial ringing of the bell.

Mock stock certificates were distributed and later auctioned. Winning "bidders" took home special items.

Check this out! Here's a partial list of Nasdaq 100 companies you could invest in via GAF: Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Cisco, Dell, Google, Intel, Yahoo!, Starbucks and others—in other words, darlings, familiar global players in retail, computer hardware and software, telecommunications, wholesale trade, and biotechnology. Clients are given greater flexibility and higher potential returns by putting their stake in GAF, ...!



THE LADIES of AXA Philippines: chief communications officer Marie Raymundo, chief marketing officer Amor Balagtas, project consultant Bads Aguilar and Human Resources head Connie Rebloc, at the Global Advantage Fund launch of AXA Philippines at The Loft, Morenate Tower, Rockwell



GAIL Martinez, Rose Reyes



HOST Boni Basilio (who proxied Nenie Basilio), Chit Galsol, Toby Ayson, Helen Ong, Mao Nori, Mabel Abalos, Agnes Huibonhoa and birthday celebrator Alex Van Hagen



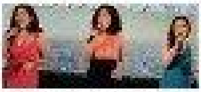
WINNING bidder Edmund Ligotos, center, with his brand-new iPad, at the mock auction of the Global Advantage Fund launch



CAMILO Villalon, Amor Balagtas, Solomon Co, Ariel Magtoto



THE CELEBRATOR with Brent Rodiao, Sid Fuentes, Frank Everett



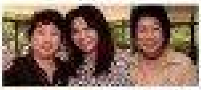
"THE PHILIPPINES" hottest jazz vocal ensemble, Baihana—Aries Espulgado, Mel Torre, Anna Sebastian



SEATED: Olga Martel, Mely Nicolas, Lolong Panlilio. Standing: Analyn Ablaza, Margie and Viring Engbino, Nena Lumen, Gilda Salonga, Tessie Ampers



MIMI Layug, Chloe Perigord, Fortune Ledesma, Nitty Pappas, Cristalle Lozada



DR. CHING Cruz, Ana Ledesma, Nena Basilio



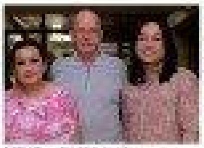
ZENY Cabral, Alex Van Hagen



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VICKY Zubiri, Nena Caminos, Luz Santos, Mellie Ablaza, Evie Costa, Nena Mendoza



BABY Cruz, Alex VH., Joel Cruz

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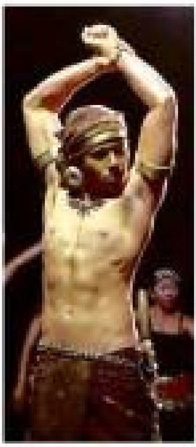
CineFilipino: We can never have too many indie fests

There's plenty of room for yet another digital festival, say organizers

INSIDE

■ Role-playing keeps married life exciting for 'kick-butt queen' Milla Jovovich Only In Hollywood /G4





Four in Laos



Filipino filmmaker collaborates with European artist



KHAVN de la Cruz

CHEER FACTOR

Rupert Lim Diego Jr.

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TONY Gloria



VINCENT Nebrida

Milla Jovovich in role-playing, full-on super model mode

'Kick-butt queen' reveals how she spices up home life with director-hubby



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales



JOVOVICH reprises her Alice role in "Resident Evil: Retribution."

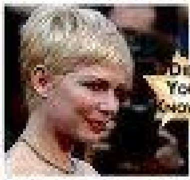


More sucking life

Not giving up



Happy birthdays!





MICHELLE Williams

HUGH Grant



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Regine bats for regulating foreign acts

By Marinel R. Cruz

Legislation

New film



Paolo's privilege tweet

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Bayani San Diego Jr.

Pacman's show LA-bound; Enchong Go joins 'Batibot'



GLADYS Guevarra, Paolo Contis and Manny Pacquiao



ENCHONG Go and Wanda



"SPECIAL Forces" on History starts Sept. 9.

'Manny Many Prizes'

Philippine Marine Corps on History docu

Circus, comic divas in concert

Nanette, Tessie, Mitch



Disney Live at Big Dome

Manila lovers unite

One night only

Keane at MoA Arena



BRITISH band Keane



JON SANTOS with "Comic Divas" Mitch Valdez, Tessie Tomas and Nanette Inventor



MICKEY and Minnie Mouse meet with the children for the "Disney Live! Rockin' Road Show."

Christian Bautista hopes to emulate icons Basil Valdez, Jose Mari Chan

By Allan Policarpio
Contributor



BAUTISTA

Nothing certain

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Living Stars



LILY Monteverde, chef's assistant

Twice as golden

Show biz icons mark milestones with friends

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Rain or shine, two of showbiz's golden girls commemorated important milestones surrounded by family and friends.

On Aug. 6, at the height of monsoon rains, LVN star Delia Razon marked her "nth birthday" in the Quezon City home of Pempe Rodrigo, a fellow alumnus in the Balik Samahan group of movie actors from the first golden age of Philippine cinema (from the 1940s to 1960s).

The party served a dual purpose, explained Razon, as "the blessing of Pempe's newly renovated home and my birthday party as well."

Other Balik Samahan members Mila del Sol, Lilia Dizon, Marita Zobel, Perla Bautista and Liberty Ilagan joined in the revelry.

"Delia was so happy that night," Bautista recalled.

"Marina and Myrna Obligacion [illegible] of the late comedian [illegible] sang for us, while Nora Villa made us laugh with her show biz anecdotes," Delia reminisced.

The birthday girl herself sang, "[illegible]."

The golden girls had to cut short the bash because of the pouring rain, but they promised to see another meeting soon.

Balik Samahan plans to organize projects for families displaced by floods, Delia said. "It was a simple but meaningful party."

On Aug. 19, Regal Films producer Lily Monteverde celebrated her 73rd birthday at her family's Imperial Palace Suites in Quezon City.

Mother Lily, as she is known in the biz, also introduced her newest Regal Baby that night, chef Sau del Rosario, who now serves as consultant at her hotel in Quezon City and resort in Taal, Batangas.

She said that she worked as Del Rosario's assistant in the kitchen, whipping up her birthday banquet, consisting mainly of Filipino dishes given a modern twist. Chef [illegible] Monteverde, who's married to Mother Lily's son [illegible], was also kept busy preparing the dishes.

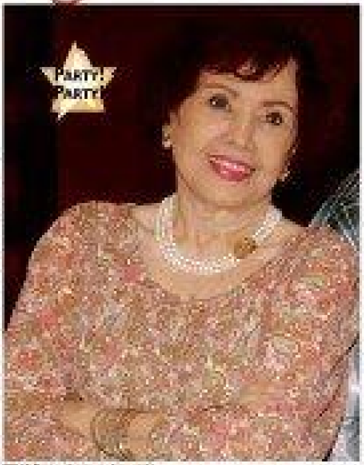
On hand to welcome guests were Mother Lily's husband Remy, daughters Roselle and [illegible], and son Dondon.

Among the celebs spotted at the event were senators Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. and Lito Lapid, Rep. Lani Mercado, Tape Inc.'s Malou Choa-Fagar, TV5 exec Perci Intalan, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Ogie Alcasid, Eddie Gutierrez, [illegible], Raquel Villavicencio, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and Benjamin Alves.

Managers Arnold Vegafria, Leo Dominguez and Alfie Lorenzo were seen at the party, too. Also present to greet the producer were directors Elwood Perez, Gil Portes, Joey Romero, [illegible] and Joel Lamangan who have all made movies with Regal.

Her current crop of Regal babies were represented by Lovi Poe, Carla Abellana and Solenn Heussaff.

Mother Lily, a volunteer for the Philippine Red Cross, vowed to continue supporting the organization as her birthday wish.



DELIA Razon, chanteuse for a night



SEN. LITO Lapid



SEN. RAMON "Bong" Revilla



REP. LANI Mercado



SCREEN legend Mila del Sol



ELWOOD Perez



SOLENN Heussaff



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LORNA Tolentino and Roselle Monteverde



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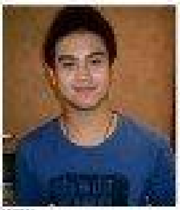
MYRNA Obligacion sang for her pal.



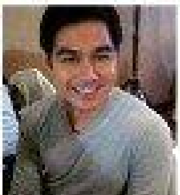
EDDIE Gutierrez



LIBERTY Ilagan and Perla Bautista



JAKE Vargas



BENJAMIN Alves

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To All Locators and Residents of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone

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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

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Request for Expression of Interest for Development of PhilCords and PhilFish IT Systems

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Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

VICENTE B. DE LIMA

of Iriga City

who peacefully passed away in the loving grace of our Lord on July 30, 2012

wish to express our most heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm. For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..."
Psalm 23:4

We lovingly remember

Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr.

*On the fourth anniversary of his passage to eternal life today,
The 7th of September, 2012,
we, his family, request you to join us in prayer and thanksgiving
for the wonderful gift of his life – for the blessings he received and shared,
for the years he served God, country and fellowmen
and for the warmth and generosity of his heart.*

Memorial masses will be celebrated in these churches:

Saint Francis Parish Church
Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City
7 A.M.

Chapel of Saint Thomas More
Ateneo de Manila Law School, Rockwell Center, Makati City
12:15 P.M.

Chapel of the Eucharistic Lord
SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
12:15 P.M.

Santuario de San Antonio
Forbes Park, Makati City
12:15 P.M.

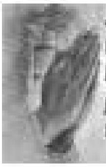
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel
Powerplant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City
5:30 P.M.

Christ the King Parish
Green Meadows Avenue, Quezon City
6:00 P.M.

National Shrine of the Sacred Heart
San Antonio Village, Makati City
6:00 P.M.

Santuario de San Jose
East Greenhills, San Juan City
6:00 P.M.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39



...absent from the body to be present with the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:8

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Training on the establishment of thermal processes for canned foods

THE FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FDC) of the National Food Authority (NFA) will conduct a training course on the "Establishment of Thermal Processes for Canned Foods" at the FDC Compound, FTI Complex, Taguig City on September 4-7, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



JOSE RANDOLPH "RANDY" G. [illegible]

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